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TAGS: SHUM, PORG, OAU, XA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OAU INITIATIVE TO CREATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION:  
REQUEST FOR CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR KHARTOUM CONSULTATIONS

DURING CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR LEMELLE THIS MORNING  
ON THE FEASIBILITY OF OBTAINING GOVERNMENT OF KENYA SUPPORT  
FOR INITIATIVE IN THE OAU TO CREATE A REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMISSION AMBASSADOR RECALLED EARLIER OAU EFFORT(EST. 1968)  
TO FORM A HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. LE MELLE BELIEVES THERE  
IS AN EXISTING OAU RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A COMMISSION AND RECALLS THAT AS A FORD FOUNDATION  
EXECUTIVE HE PARTICIPATED IN A CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY  
FORD AT THE REQUEST OF THE OAU TO DEVELOP A DEFINITION OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS PRIORITIES IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT. THIS IS  
THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HEARD REFERENCE TO EXITING OAU  
AUTHORITY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OAU HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON  
EXISTING OAU AUTHORITY IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA PRIOR  
TO CONSULTATIONS IN KHARTOUM ON WEDNESDAY AND  
THURSDAY. PLEASE CABLE TO KHARTOUM CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS  
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ON THIS AND OTHER OAU ISSUES WE SHOULD RAISE IN  
KHARTOUM.  
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